



## GOVERNOR PRAISES C&TE EFFORTS AT BLANDFORD



Governor Warner talks with DCE Electricity Instructor Phillip Moore. Governor Warner also visited the barbering and printing operations

Governor Mark Warner visited Blandford High School at Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center recently to announce a \$677,000 grant that expanded vocational opportunities for students.

“These young people have gotten themselves into trouble with the law, but they now are working to turn their lives around through improved behavior and education,” Governor Warner said. “This state agency partnership and federal funding will be used to further our administration’s emphasis on increased opportunities for all Virginians through workforce training and education.”

The Governor praised the collaborative of the Department of Correctional Education and the Department of Juvenile Justice who teamed to obtain the grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

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## MILD-MANNERED EMPLOYEE TURNS SUPER DURING FLASH FLOOD

On the night of August 30, as Tropical Storm Gaston moved into Richmond, three stranded ladies sat in the lobby of the James Monroe Building and watched the others file out. Richmond’s downtown had flooded. Roads had closed, and many of their fellow employees had escaped or at least slogged it out to a nearby hotel.

“We didn’t know what we were going to do,” remembered Virginia Lewis, an employee with the Department of Treasury who lived in nearby Fulton. With her

were Department of Education employees Cetra Brown and Helen Tucker. Darkness had fallen when DCE’s own Eddie Weeks walked up to them. “I just asked them if they were stranded.

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Eddie Weeks is surrounded by, from left, Virginia Lewis, Cetra Brown, Helen Tucker

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## GOVERNOR VISITS BLANDFORD

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Funds provide training for employability skills training and instruction, along with and vocational skills instruction in offset printing, electrical, barbering and cosmetology.



**Taking a look:** The Governor watches students barbering (above) and examines a student-make bread box (below).



## AFTER 33 YEARS, STERLING SAYS GOOD BYE



He started with correctional education as a part-time reading teacher at Powhatan CC on July 1, 1971. In September of that year he was hired full time and the DCE career of **Wally Sterling** was off and running.

“When I started, education was under the Department of Corrections, and we answered to the Warden. All Central Office was a Bureau of Education within DOC. There were maybe four or five people. Educators

had little power or authority,” remembers Mr. Sterling. He officially retires as the agency’s Deputy Superintendent for Adult Operations on November 1.

“I have been in three riots. I have been to hundreds of graduations but the greatest part of my job has been working with the great people of DCE,” he said. “I have seen so much growth over the years it astounds me. We are a great team across the state, and I will miss everyone.”



## BARKSDALE WINS NATIONAL AWARD FROM NABCJ



Denwood Barksdale: Behind the scenes at a graduation.

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice recently honored DCE's **Denwood Barksdale** for his work as a teacher, mentor and leader of the College Bound program. In August Mr. Barksdale flew to Jacksonville, Florida, to attend the NABCJ Annual Conference. There he received the Mary Church Terrell Award for promoting activism and education. "This is a dream come true," said Mr. Barksdale. "I am truly honored that I have been chosen." This is the latest in a number of honors Mr. Barksdale has received. Last year Mr. Barksdale was named the Virginia Correctional Association's Criminal Justice Employee of the Year.



### IT IS THE SEASON

**DCE Board Chairman Felipe Cabacoy**, left, took time out of his busy schedule recently to sign student diplomas.

Youth school students earned 28 DCE diplomas in June 2004.

The breakdown by school: Paul S. Blandford, 13; W. Hamilton Crockford, 4; Cedar Mountain, 2; Joseph T. Mastin, 5; John H. Smyth, 2; Thunder Ridge, 2.

## FLASH-FLOOD BRINGS OUT SUPER QUALITIES IN DCE EMPLOYEE

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When they said they were, I just told them to come on with me."

The three joined Mr. Weeks on an interesting and sometimes exciting ride through Richmond's rain-swollen roads. "Eddie kept telling us, 'I'll get you home.' And you know when somebody tells you that, you feel more at ease," Ms. Lewis said.

"He was determined. He took a lot of detours, but he kept a sense of humor through it all," said Ms. Brown.

First, the group arrived in Fulton, and Ms. Lewis departed. Next, Mr. Weeks drove to the home of Ms. Tucker who lived not far away. Then it was off to Ms. Brown's residence near Iron Bridge Road in Chesterfield

County.

Once his passengers were safely home, Mr. Weeks headed for his own home in Glen Allen, resting his head on a dry, warm pillow sometime shortly before midnight.

"I just think he was a saint," Ms. Tucker said.

# DCE'S ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

**Phyllis Wilbur** is the personification of the word service to those who know her well. The principal of the Coffeewood/Haynesville schools, Ms. Wilbur serves perhaps the largest geographic region of any adult school principal. "She does not just manage, she is involved in the operations of her schools," said one of her teachers, Michael Salyer. She possesses rare abilities and an exceptional knowledge of correctional education that allows her to be a terrific team builder. The four nominators wrote the following about her: "We strongly believe Phyllis Wilbur is the **Administrator of the Year** not just this year, but each and every year."



The Reverend Lynn and  
Mrs. Phyllis Wilbur



Ms. Cathy Chittum and  
DCE Board Chair Felipe Cabacoy

**Cathy Chittum** will tell you she loves her job. And the people she works with will tell you they love her. Known for her friendly, quiet manner and her positive, organized approach, Mrs. Chittum was named an **Outstanding Employee** because she makes life easier for everyone at Thunder Ridge High School, including her supervisor, Principal Joe Hawes. He describes his administrative assistant as a "treasured employee...because of her abilities, but more so because of who she is."

A DCE veteran in her 27th continuous year of service to this agency, **Belinda Friday** currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent for Adult School Operations. She has proven herself many times before as a youth school instructor and principal. To earn her **Outstanding Employee** Award, Ms. Friday stays on top of a big job, ensuring the smooth operation of the adult schools by managing administrative duties and conducting routine field visits.



Ms. Belinda Friday



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris

Need a helping hand? If you are at Addison-Perkins High School, you are likely to get one from Transition Specialist **Charles Harris**. When not serving his students, he might be mentoring a new employee, organizing a school event or helping a fellow teacher locate reference materials. His open door policy makes him a favorite with students and staff alike and his actions exemplify that of an **Outstanding Employee** and a team player.

**Roger Nichols** does not wait for an assignment; the plumbing and pipefitting instructor at St. Brides Correctional Center just volunteers. His initiative in the modular building project also had him up at 4 a.m. to meet rigorous work schedules. He can run a backhoe and pour concrete but most of all, he is an outstanding teacher and excellent example for his students. For these reasons and many others, he was named an **Outstanding Employee**.



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nichols

# SIMPLY OUTSTANDING



Monica Weldon and husband Malcolm

**Jacqueline Washington-Porter** is so proficient at her job as an instructional assistant, teachers can learn from her, and often do – especially those new to physical education and health in a correctional setting. She is equally adept with students, whom she keeps motivated and excited about learning. Her calm, helpful manner and her varied approaches help the students achieve their potential. “Ms. Washington-Porter is patient, cooperative, understanding, caring, supportive and an **Outstanding Employee**,” said her Principal Grace Hawkins of the W. Hamilton Crockford High School.



Jaqueline Porter and  
her husband Rodney



Mr. and Mrs. Greg Williams

**Greg Williams** is a calming force in the midst of a swirling storm. When computer illiterate folks stress about computer malfunctions, Mr. Williams is known as DCE’s stress relief. Through quiet competence and diligence in his position as the agency’s resident computer expert, he has earned much praise. “One phrase I have heard many times from Mr. Williams, ‘OK I will make it happen.’ What you never hear from him are gripes and complaints,” said DCE’s Susan Clair. He has a demanding job but remains pleasant despite the stress. Mr. Williams is an **Outstanding Employee** because he faces the complexities of his job with a self-effacing wit.

Brunswick Correctional Center reaps the benefits of two **Master Teachers: Carol Eller and JaVerne Threatte-Young**. The academic and social development of her students is paramount to JaVerne Threatte-Young, and this shows in the high level of academic achievement seen in her classes. Enthusiasm and innovation are trademarks of Carol Eller’s work teaching business software applications. She “comes in early, stays late and sets her personal goals and expectations at a level few can achieve, much less maintain,” wrote Paul Dianis, her principal.



Ms. Carol Eller and Ms. JaVerne  
Threatte-Young



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slippy

Vocational instructor **Thomas Slippy** was selected as an Outstanding Employee in 2002. With his newest honor as a **Master Teacher**, the heating ventilation and air conditioning instructor at Greenville Correctional Center becomes one of three DCE employees to earn both honors. His exceptional work in the classroom has been enhanced by community projects such as refurbishing air conditioners for the National Kidney Foundation.



## NATION'S TOP JROTC OFFICER, GENERAL THRASHER, VISITS SMYTH'S CAMP COBRA

The John Henry Smyth High School entertained some distinguished military guests this year during its annual JROTC event Camp Cobra. **General Alan Thrasher** and **Command Sergeant Major Washington**, shown at right in the upper picture, observed the activities. General Thrasher oversees all Army JROTC and all Army ROTC programs in the United States and its territories.



Camp Cobra is three-day event held annually at the Hanover school. Camp Cobra establishes a strict military environment that provides unique opportunities for youth at the Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center to utilize and improve citizenship skills, leadership techniques, character, physical endurance and social skills.



In the lower picture, **Sergeant First Class Richard Pittman** instructs a Smyth JROTC cadet in drown-proofing exercises.



**JROTC Honored:** For overall excellence the JROTC teachers at John Henry Smyth High School received honors during Founder's Day.

Shown from left to right are SFC (Retired) Linard L. Daniels, Major (Retired) Wendell Quash, SFC (Retired) Richard Pittman, SGM (Retired) Bernard Lloyd, Board Member Leslie Speight, and Ms. Ruby Turner, former Vice Chair of the DCE Board.



### DCE SHINES AT VSBA

Board Clerk **Patricia Ennis** checks out a display at the Virginia School Boards Association Annual Conference. Audiences enjoyed DCE's display of its innovative Fast For Word program.



### TUTORING THE TUTORs

**Jymm Turner** gives a "Do's and Dont's" overview to Virginia Commonwealth University's Service Learning class. Twenty-seven students will tutor DCE students this fall.

# CONVOCATION SCENES 2004

## KEYNOTE

**Dr. Jo Lynn DeMary**, right, of the Department of Education served as the keynote speaker for DCE's annual convocation. In an uplifting opening she spoke of her early inspirations to teach and encouraged her audience to remember their own inspirations and strive to have "the best year yet." Pictured below left is a smiling **Fleming Samuels**, Principal of Addison-Perkins High School, with various members of his staff.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

Seen from a different angle are, from left to right: Felipe Cabacoy, DJJ Director Jerrauld Jones, Walter A. McFarlane, Belinda Friday, Patricia Blair and Kathy Reed.





# 2004 Service Awards

## 5 YEARS

Oladele W. Ajibola	Trainer Instructor I	Joseph T. Mastin Annex
Carey G. Athey	Trainer Instructor II	Buckingham
Orenthal J. Beane	Trainer Instructor II	Joseph T. Mastin Annex
Francis D. Beek	Trainer Instructor II	Sussex I
Debra S. Bertrand	Admin & Office Specialist III	Haynesville
Renee S. Blackshear	Trainer Instructor II	RDC
Kimberly B. Brewer	Trainer Instructor II	Addison-Perkins
Percy D. Brewer	Trainer Instructor II	Joseph T. Mastin Annex
David L. Brower	Trainer Instructor II	Joseph T. Mastin Annex
Teresa A. Bryant	Trainer Instructor II	Powhatan
Alvin M. Coghill	Trainer Instructor I	Paul S. Blandford
Tracey V. Coriolan	Trainer Instructor I	John H. Smyth
Walter Daniel, Jr.	Trainer Instructor II	Sussex II
Robert L. Davies	Trainer Instructor II	Augusta
Alice H. Derrickson	Trainer Instructor II	Haynesville
Constance O. Digby	Trainer Instructor II	Greensville
James R. Dockum	Trainer Instructor II	Joseph T. Mastin Annex
Timothy D. Donley	Education Administrator II	John H. Smyth
Kelly K. Ferguson	Trainer Instructor II	Central Office
Donald E. Fields	Trainer Instructor II	Wallens Ridge
Tammie J. Flynn	Trainer Instructor II	Central Office
Edward G. Gillespie	Education Administrator II	Bland
Joseph L. Hilton	Trainer Instructor II	Joseph T. Mastin Annex
Mark A. Hutchinson	Education Administrator II	Red Onion
Mary H. Johnson	Trainer Instructor II	Sussex I
Alice B. Justice	Trainer Instructor II	Southampton
Jeffrey B. Kowalski	Trainer Instructor II	St. Brides
Kenneth C. Margeson	Trainer Instructor II	RDC
Talisha N. McAuley-Davis	Trainer Instructor II	RDC
Darryl K. McCartt	Admin & Office Specialist III	John H. Smyth
Lisa L. Miles-Harris	Trainer Instructor II	Cedar Mountain
Herman R. Minor	Trainer Instructor II	Paul S. Blandford
Jeffrey R. Mitchem	Trainer Instructor II	Patrick Henry
Robert E. Montgomery	Trainer Instructor II	Dillwyn
Dennis S. Moore	Trainer Instructor II	Red Onion
Paula B. Mullins	Trainer Instructor II	Wallens Ridge
Richard S. Nelson	Trainer Instructor II	Botetourt
June E. Pearson	Trainer Instructor II	John H. Smyth
Katina L. Poole-Berry	Trainer Instructor II	Joseph T. Mastin
Meredith B. Powell	Trainer Instructor II	Dillwyn
John R. Saunders	Trainer Instructor II	Southampton
Louise T. Scott	Trainer Instructor II	Greensville
Kathryn P. Shepard	Trainer Instructor II	Cedar Mountain
Doris J. Stapel	Trainer Instructor II	Cedar Mountain
Morris L. Starks	Trainer Instructor II	John H. Smyth
Shelly A. Stieh	Trainer Instructor II	Greensville
Casandra J. Sullivan	Education Administrator II	Addison-Perkins



## 5 YEARS (CONTINUED)

Kirk L. Sullivan  
Linda M. Tipton  
Sandra S. Tribbley  
John C. Tull  
Jewnita P. Tyler  
Billy E. Vertrees  
Sandra W. Wheat  
Sharlene White-Crocker  
Deona L. Wilder-Stephens  
Diane Y. Wilkins  
Gregory J. Williams  
Jacqueline M. Williams  
Margaret A. Wilson

InfoTechnology Specialist I  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Admin & Office Specialist III  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Admin Office Sup/Coor I  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
General Admin Sup II - IT  
General Admin Sup I  
Trainer Instructor II

Central Office  
Greensville  
Mecklenburg  
Wallens Ridge  
Powhatan  
Paul S. Blandford  
Greensville  
Central Office  
Paul S. Blandford Annex  
Chesterfield Women's  
Central Office  
Dillwyn  
Wallens Ridge

## 10 YEARS

Barna C. Anyadike  
Patricia S. Blair  
Betty J. Buck  
Wilbert C. Davis  
William D. Ellis  
Robert A. Fauntleroy  
Benjamin F. Gilmer, Jr.  
Roger P. Gooding  
Todd Holland  
Chanel V. Lewis  
Vicki G. Mistr  
Leslie W. Mullins  
Sylvia T. Potter  
George W. Sisson  
James W. Tetterton  
Beverly B. Thompson  
Henry L. Tilley  
Rhonda E. Tyler-Cox  
William N. Worsham, Sr.  
Jimmy D. Yates

Education Administrator II  
Education Administrator III  
Education Administrator III  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Public Relations  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Admin & Office Specialist II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II

Haynesville  
Central Office  
St. Brides  
Paul S. Blandford  
St. Brides  
Haynesville  
Marion  
Coffeewood  
Thunder Ridge  
RDC  
VCCW  
Dillwyn  
John H. Smyth  
Central Office  
Joseph T. Mastin  
Augusta  
John H. Smyth  
Paul S. Blandford  
Nottoway  
Keen Mountain

## 15 YEARS

Crystal N. Bolling  
Antoinette C. Brown  
Leonard J. Clark  
Ruth M. Elam  
Marvin M. Fields  
Alice F. Greene  
Nancy C. Hambrick  
Robert H. Hodges  
Horace D. Jobe, Jr.  
David E. Lawhon  
Billiejo B. Leabough

Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II

Addison-Perkins  
Paul S. Blandford Annex  
St. Brides  
Paul S. Blandford Annex  
Cedar Mountain  
Addison-Perkins  
Botetourt  
Nottoway  
Buckingham  
Paul S. Blandford Annex  
Paul S. Blandford

## 15 YEARS (CONTINUED)

Joseph D. Morrison  
Samuel R. Ruth  
Roger K. Streat  
Charlene A. Taylor  
Willie J. Thomas, Jr.  
Daniel D. Williams  
Malinda G. Williams

Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor I

Greensville  
St. Brides  
Joseph T. Mastin Annex  
Addison-Perkinson  
Brunswick  
St. Brides  
Addison-Perkins

## 20 YEARS

Robert W. Allen  
Denwood R. Barksdale  
Vernon L. Bowie  
Alice A. Brown  
Ann L. Cavan  
Francis J. Cavoto  
Lloyd T. Craft, Sr.  
Shirley W. Garnett  
Dwight H. Good  
Welford M. Harris  
Grace A. Hawkins  
Cecille F. Hendricks  
Stephen E. Holdren  
Mary A. Stone  
Frances A. Tolleson  
Jeanette W. Wade

Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor I  
Education Administrator II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Education Administrator II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Education Administrator II  
Admin & Office Specialist III  
Financial Services Manager II

Buckingham  
Paul S. Blandford  
Paul S. Blandford  
Joseph T. Mastin Annex  
Lunenburg  
Harrisonburg  
RDC  
RDC  
Nottoway  
John H. Smyth  
W. Hamilton Crockford  
RDC  
RDC  
Deep Meadow  
Indian Creek  
Central Office

## 25 YEARS

James S. Braxton  
Margaret H. Brooks  
Myra M. Brush  
Frederick N. Cabell  
Joe A. Conner  
Elizabeth H. Dodson  
Curtis Hackney, Jr.  
Roy F. Haliburton  
Robert B. Johnson  
Margaret E. Ladd  
Deborah C. Richardson  
Mary J. Smith  
Stanley Ward  
Lincoln D. Watson

Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor II  
Admin & Office Specialist III  
Trainer Instructor II  
Program Admin Manager III  
Trainer Instructor II  
Admin & Office Specialist III  
Admin & Office Specialist III  
Admin & Office Specialist III  
Trainer Instructor II  
Trainer Instructor I  
Trainer Instructor II

Bland  
Paul S. Blandford  
Thunder Ridge  
Fluvanna  
Thunder Ridge  
Joseph T. Mastin  
Addison-Perkins  
Central Office  
John H. Smyth  
Central Office  
Mecklenburg  
Coffeewood  
John H. Smyth  
Appalachian

## 30 YEARS

William N. Davis, II  
Paul Dianis, III  
Maynor D. Miller  
Gerald V. Norris  
Richard C. Parker  
Harmie E. Wiley

Trainer Instructor II  
Education Administrator III  
Education Administrator III  
Trainer Instructor II  
Education Administrator III  
Trainer Instructor II

Southampton  
Brunswick  
Central Office  
Appalachian  
Southampton  
Bland



## 35 YEARS

Joseph H. Hawes  
Walter A. McFarlane

Education Administrator II  
Superintendent of  
Correctional Education

Thunder Ridge  
Central Office

### SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL VACE CONFERENCE



**Morris Dews**, left, recently took over as the new vice-president of the Virginia Association of Correctional Educators. **Anne Ferrell** was named president. **Superintendent Walter A. McFarlane**, right, got a hug from a footloose **Elizabeth Jones** during the awards portion of the annual conference which was held this year in Williamsburg.



### DCE AUTOMOTIVE TECH ISTRUCTOR MEETS THE CAR OF THE FUTURE



**Sam Ruth** recently took advantage of a training opportunity provided by Honda Motor Company to learn about a hybrid car runs on electricity. As the signs indicate, such work requires a high degree of safety. In the main picture, Mr. Ruth learns his way around the computerized checking system, and then utilizes bar code technology to expedite the maintenance effort. The inset picture shows a warning sign positioned inside the car that states, "High Voltage - You will be killed or hurt."

## CONTRIBUTE!

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Indian Creek CC Graduation .... November 12, 2004  
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